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In re Application of:)
Simon H. Lightbody et al.)
Serial No.: 09/370,696) Examiner: Timothy Edwards
Filed: August 9, 1999) Group Art Unit: 2858
For: External Communications Interface for a)
Revenue Meter)

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